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SUBJECT:F-5ES FOR KOREA

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, ARRANGEMENT WAS WORKED OUT LAST YEAR (REFTEL) IN WHICH ROK WAS TO RECEIVE 21 F-5ES FOR 21 ROK F-5ES WHICH WERE TO BE PROVIDED TO VNAF. HOWEVER, WITH THE CANCELLATION OF THE FOLLOW-ON VNAF F-5E DELIVERIES, THIS ARRANGEMENT IS NO LONGER WORKABLE. THE 21 F-5E AIRCRAFT NOW IN TAIWAN ARE DUE TO BE RETURNED TO US CONTROL AND WE NEED TO MOVE NOW ON THE DISPOSITION OF THESE AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO DELIVER 21 F-5ES FROM TAIWAN TO KOREA BEGINNING IN

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AUGUST AT THE RATE OF 2 OR 3 PER MONTH. THESE AIRCRAFT

WILL BE PLACED IN "LIKE NEW" CONDITION BY ROC (IN FACT, SEVERAL HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN DELIVERED TO ROC AND THE REMAINDER ARE CONSIDERED BY DOD TO BE "MINIMUM TIME" AIR-CRAFT).

2. WE ASSUME THIS WILL CAUSE NO F-5E ABSORPTION PROBLEMS FOR THE ROK WHEN COMBINED WITH THE PLANNED DELIVERY OF THE REMAINING FY 74/75 MAP FUNDED NEW PRODUCTION F-5ES. THE

MOST CURRENT DELIVERY/PRODUCTION SCHEDULE OF NEW F-5ES IS AS FOLLOWS: (DELIVERY OF NEW PRODUCTION F-5ES IS DEPENDENT UPON C-5A AIRLIFT AVAILABILITY)

JULY 75	6	DELIVERY
MARCH 76	2	PRODUCTION
APRIL 76	9	PRODUCTION
MAY 76	9	PRODUCTION
JUNE 76	6	PRODUCTION
JULY 76	3	PRODUCTION
AUGUST 76	2	PRODUCTION
SEPT 76	1	PRODUCTION KISSINGER

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